

HAMLIN MIDWAY BRANCH LIBRARY

1558 West Minnehaha Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55104

At a Glance: 2006

Built-Remodeled	1930-1985-1990
Square Ft	8,194
Hours/week*	51.5
Days/open/week	Six
Materials Budget	\$55,214
Collection Size	31,660
Books:	
Adult	11,666
Juvenile	14,766
Total Circulation	131,732
Adult	73,810 (56%)
Juvenile	57,922 (44%)
Circulation/FTE	26,884
Total Information	20,280
Information/Ref FTE	5,408
In-House Materials Use	31,590
FTEs Public Service*	4.9
Gate Count	125,013

Computer Workstations (Public) 10; Internet Workstations: 5; Word Processors: 1; Catalog Workstations: 3, Children's Workstations: 1

Lounge chairs: 4; Study tables: 3 with 18 chairs; Study carrels: 0

*Information on hours and staff reflect system-wide changes implemented in November 2006

SERVICE PROFILE:

The Hamline Midway Library serves as an educational and cultural resource for the Hamline Midway neighborhood. It is a strong neighborhood magnet, drawing in families with small children, seniors, and every age and type of household in between. The collection is designed to support the educational needs of students from grades K–12, home-schooled children, and preschoolers as well as the general information and recreation needs of adults. Storytimes are offered mornings and evenings at various times throughout the year. Frequent class visits are made by local schools, particularly the Hancock Collaborative Magnet. Library staff collaborates with neighborhood schools and organizations. Meeting rooms are heavily used by neighborhood organizations and other civic groups. An annual Fireside Author Series held by the Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library continues to draw well from the neighborhood.

With the growth of a more diverse population and the increase in the variety of formats in the collection, the library's circulation and usage figures have risen in recent years. Additional

Internet workstations, more electronic resources, feature and informational videos and DVDs, and compact discs have pulled in new patrons as well as students from Hamline University. Increased efficiency in obtaining books from other St. Paul libraries and from other library systems has helped make Hamline Midway Library a convenient destination.

Recent census figures indicate that Hamline Midway is becoming increasingly diverse, particularly in the African American population, while retaining many longtime households. The library maintains strong neighborhood support through enduring ties with the neighborhood coalition, it's own Friends group and by serving on the Hamline Midway Youth Collaborative and other neighborhood concerns. Special monetary support has come from the branch's Friends group, the Midway Men's Club, the annual Ethel M. Ridgway grant for children's resources, and special one-time gifts. To serve the needs of both long-term residents and the growing diverse population it will be important to provide a more diversified collection in both content and format, to maintain and support training that assists patrons with lifelong learning skills, and to maintain an active presence in the community.